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**REPEAT OFFENDER RECEIVES 96 MONTH SENTENCE**

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 24, 2006, **PATRICK DUNCAN**, age 37, of St. Louis, Missouri, received a 96 month term of imprisonment based upon his role in a conspiracy that involved the manufacture of counterfeit drivers licenses, state identification documents, and bank checks. The scheme victimized businesses and financial institutions throughout Illinois and Missouri as well as Georgia and Oregon, resulting in financial losses of over \$170,000. **DUNCAN** pleaded guilty to the charges on September 2, 2005, opting to admit guilt but to contest various aspects of his sentence.

According to the Superseding Indictment to which he pled, the Stipulation of Facts, and other matters made public at the sentencing hearing, **DUNCAN** maintained a workshop in Quincy, Illinois, where he manufactured near perfect Illinois and Missouri drivers licenses and state identification cards. He was able to duplicate licenses and ID cards that had the look and feel of genuine state issued documents. The identification documents bore the photographs of his criminal associates and over the life of the scheme, **DUNCAN** generated licenses and identification cards in multiple names for many of his criminal associates. **DUNCAN** also manufactured bogus drivers licenses and identification cards bearing his own photograph, including one bearing his photograph and the name "Gary Swindle."

In addition to the bogus identification documents, **DUNCAN** also manufactured counterfeit bank checks. These checks were printed on genuine check stock and many were purported to be drawn on the account of well known legitimate businesses at legitimate financial institutions. However, **DUNCAN** changed the routing codes on the checks to represent other legitimate, existing financial institutions and the account numbers on the checks did not represent valid accounts.

The names placed on the bogus identification documents by **DUNCAN** for the most part corresponded to the names of real people and were obtained by **DUNCAN** from a variety of sources.



Criminal associates would pass the counterfeit checks at various retail outlets in several states, but primarily throughout Illinois and Missouri.

At the time he committed the instant offenses, **DUNCAN** was on federal supervised release following a 1999 check counterfeiting conviction. **DUNCAN**'s supervised release was revoked when the instant offenses were discovered and he received a 24 month term of imprisonment. He has been in custody since October, 2003.

Four co-conspirators were previously sentenced for their roles in the scheme. Gary Wayne Reickenbacker is scheduled to be sentenced for his role in the scheme on March 1, 2006.

Following release from imprisonment, **DUNCAN** will again be placed on federal supervised release for three years. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$178,726.19.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Illinois Secretary of State Police as a cooperative effort by the Southern Illinois Identity Theft Task Force.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Suzanne M. Garrison and Bruce E. Reppert.